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1. CARTER APPOINTMENTS: THE NAMES AND BIODATA OF PREDICTED APPOINTEES MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL AS TREASURY SECRETARY AND JANE PFEIFFER AS COMMERCE SECRETARY APPEARED IN PORTUGUESE PRESS DECEMBER 13. DECEMBER 14 PRESS REPORTED THAT FULL CARTER CABINET WAS ABOUT TO BE ANNOUNCED.

2. KISSINGER FAREWELL: "O SEculo" DECEMBER 14 CARRIED PHOTO OF KISSINGER CAPTIONED, "HENRY KISSINGER STOPS TRAVELLING". TEXT CONTAINED CAPSULE SUMMARY OF KISSINGER JOURNEYS.

3. NATO: COLUMNIST MANUEL RODRIGUES WROTE COLUMN IN "O DIA" DECEMBER 14 ENTITLED, "THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE WARSAW PACT". ARTICLE COMPARED CONCRETE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO PROPAGANDA ITEMS ON WARSAW PACT AGENDA. IN ANOTHER COLUMN ON "O SEculo" DECEMBER 14, RODRIGUES COMMENTED ON ATLANTIC COUNCIL REJECTION OF WARSAW PACT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL: "IF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE RENOUNCED ITS NUCLEAR ARMS, WHICH IT HAS NO DESIRE TO USE, A STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM WOULD NO LONGER EXIST IN CENTRAL EUROPE BECAUSE OF THE SUPERIORITY OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS HELD BY THE WARSAW
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PACT POWERS."

4. LAJES: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" DECEMBER 14 REPORTED THAT
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER SA CARNEIRO COMMENTED AFTER
THE VICTORY OF HIS PARTY IN THE AZORES, THAT HE CONSIDERED
IT "UNJUST THAT THE LAJES BASE BE USED TO OBTAIN LOANS
WHICH ARE THEN DISTRIBUTED AS THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WANTS,
BENEFITTING THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND NOT JUST THE AZORES."
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